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For: METHOD FOR LOADING AND EXCHANGING THE ROLLERS OF THE PRINTING
UNITS OF A PRINTING MACHINE AND DEVICE FOR WORKING THE METHOD

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2005, Applicant has the following remarks.

Applicant notes the withdrawal of non-elected claims 5-14.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3.

Only elected claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Miller. The Examiner notes various steps of the method that Miller teaches including "...operating the transport cart or the robot 10 to move the replacement roller...disposing the roller on the transport cart or the robot and operating the transport device...." The Examiner states that it would be obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use the steps disclosed in Miller regardless of the printing roller used. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 4 is requested.

Claim 4 recites moving the rollers including a step of withdrawing the first engraved roller, transporting the withdrawn first engraved roller and operating the transport device to bring the second engraved roller to the working position.

Sandwiched between the two transporting steps are steps involving operating a robot to bring the first engraved roller to be exchanged from the unloading position and operating the robot to move a second engraved roller and eventually disposing the replacement engraving roller to the transport device. Hence, Claim 4 distinguishes between the steps of withdrawing or transporting on the one hand, which are not restricted to operation by a robot, and the two steps in claim 4 of operating a robot. Applicant describes the various operations of the robot 19 within the specification. A robot is not a simple cart receptacle that is merely pushed around by a